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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jessica L. Frantz

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(3) Mark C. Davis.

(2) Devon Kramer.

(4) Christopher Pfister.

Date of Interview: 11 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: ALL.

Identification of prior art discussed: Duff, Hamasaki, Carey, Cametti and Sugino.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant disagreed with Examiner's motivation to combine the various references Applicant inquired about the number of references applied to the claims and also the reason to combine the Hamasaki reference to the Duff reference. Examiner believes one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to combine to ease assembly of the structure.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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